

Minutes of MVCF Meeting, Thursday November 13th 2014,
Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking

Present: Ron Billard (RB) [Chair], Rod Shaw (RS) [MVDC], Peter Silburn (PS) [Horsham/Dorking], Eric Palmer (EP) [Leatherhead], PS Bert Dean [Surrey Police], (BD), Becky Willson (BW) [SCC Cycling Officer], Aldith Bruty (AB) [Bookham], Mike Ward (MW) [Leatherhead], Stephen Hope (SH) [Dorking Cycling Club], Colin Brewer (CB) [Treasurer], Julia Dickinson (JD) [Bookham/Effingham], Roger Troughton (RT) [Secretary]
Apologies: Peter Mayor (PM) [Leatherhead], Andy Tanner [Transition Dorking], Cllr Caroline Salmon [Holmwood]

1. Previous Minutes and Outstanding Actions not covered elsewhere

RB attended the Local Access Forum in October and established that they do indeed have a number of issues in common with the Cycling Forum. This include Brockham-Betchworth route; paths not being cleared of leaves; locations where are no dropped kerbs. RB will be invited to attend future meetings.

2. Matters Arising

Police Issues; Road Casualties and Cycling Safety Report

Results from September to early November are as follows:

MON	08-SEP-2014 06:34:39	CHURCH RD	LITTLE BOOKHAM
Female driver reversing and cyclist (54yr male) fell off and hit his head. No contact between vehicle and cyclist.			
WED	10-SEP-2014 15:15	LEATHERHEAD RD	LOWER ASHTEAD
Juvenile male cyclist overtaking another cyclist when driver (75yr female) clipped elbow of cyclist on overtake			
SAT	13-SEP-2014 12:56:07	LODGEBOTTOM RD	HEADLEY
Male cyclist rode into stationary car. Minor injuries.			
MON	15-SEP-2014 06:15	TOLLGATE RD	GOODWYNS ESTATE
Male cyclist rode into stationary car. Minor injuries. Damage to car not reported by cyclist.			
SAT	20-SEP-2014 13:58:13	DORKING RD	FETCHAM DOWNS
Male cyclist (40yr) collided with car pulling out. Damaged elbow. Driver/rider at error?			
TUE	30-SEP-2014 08:02:35	DEEPDENE AVE	DORKING
Car (male late 30s) collided with cyclist (male 40yr) at junction causing minor injury to cyclist.			
SUN	28-SEP-2014 16:52	LONDON RD	PIXHAM
Male cyclist struck on A24 by passing car causing minor injury to hand. Driver did not stop.			
WED	01-OCT-2014 10:18:36	KINGSTON RD	LEATHERHEAD NORTH
Cyclist injured after colliding with railing.			
THU	02-OCT-2014 13:49:27	VICARAGE LN	CAPEL
13yr male cyclist went over handlebars and minor injuries. No other vehicles involved.			
TUE	07-OCT-2014 08:47:12		DORKING NORTH
47yr female cyclist collided with car (or vice versa), minor injury.			
WED	15-OCT-2014 13:40:02	OAKFIELD RD	LOWER ASHTEAD
Male driver struck two cyclists who were coming round a bend in a group (all teenagers). Minor injuries to cyclists.			
THU	16-OCT-2014 07:50	ASHCOMBE ROAD	DORKING NORTH
Cyclist (Male) came out of junction and back wheel went under a vehicle's back wheel (female driver)			
SUN	19-OCT-2014 10:36:19	RANMORE COMMON RD	RANMORE
20yr female cyclist fell of bike, bleeding from mouth. Minor injury.			
SUN	19-OCT-2014 12:07:27	BARNETT WOOD LN	LOWER ASHTEAD
64yr male cyclist hit by car at slow speed. Lower back pain and bleeding from nose.			
SAT	25-OCT-2014 09:30	WOODLANDS RD	LITTLE BOOKHAM
13yr male cyclist riding on pavement when struck by car reversing from driveway. Minor injuries.			

There was a wide ranging discussion around the police accident stats. Issues can be reported to the police, either via the 101 number or by emailing details to molevalley@surrey.police.uk

AB reported bad driving in School Lane, Fetcham which would be difficult for less experienced cyclists.

There have been reports about tacks on the road in Box Hill village – if you see anyone acting suspiciously – report it.

EP reported cars parked on the cycle lane near Frascati – BD not sure off hand what the offence might be.

3. Surrey Cycling Strategy – Mole Valley Local Cycling Plan

Whilst the plan does not appear to have been formally published yet, it can be viewed at

<http://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/s16038/10%2009%2014%20ITEM%2012%20MV%20Cycling%20Plan%202014%20annex%201.pdf>

RT has been invited to a planning meeting for the Infrastructure Workshop in late November. He is going to suggest that they use a proforma to collect proposals for new/improved infrastructure.

ALL to review infrastructure list before the next meeting (see <http://mvcf.org.uk/papers/CyclePriorities.pdf>)

4. Route Development Update

Leatherhead/Ashted area:

Randalls Road to be added back in to the Agenda as a placeholder.

It is anticipated that Coast to Capital will contribute towards funding for the regeneration of Leatherhead Town Centre - there will be opportunities to provide input to this.

Leatherhead-Ashted Cycle Path (SCC presentation to Local Committee at

<http://mycouncil.surreycc.gov.uk/documents/s16528/10%2009%2014%20ITEM%20%20Leatherhead%20to%20Ashted%20cycle%20route.pdf>)

PS reviewed the responses that had been passed to him and the final report will be made available via our website. A copy of the draft report was passed to BW. PS asked if maintenance such as sweeping and hedge cutting would be carried out. (RS subsequently provided the following feedback: it does seem likely that MVDC will be responsible for the management of verges from April, although discussions are on-going. This may take a year or so to bed down and we might have to recognise that some items may not come within the contract. There will be a limit on the budget and MVDC can only do what they can with the money the County gives them.)

PS proposed a site meeting with John Lawlor and colleagues to include our new Cycling Officer (Becky Willson).

RB suggested contacting Anita Guy in the first instance.

Bookham/Effingham area – Safe Routes to Schools (Howard of Effingham)

Because the Howard of Effingham school is in the Guildford area, it is difficult to get some councillors interested. JD noted that the Transport Statement for the Photome application (MO/2014/1593) omits the fatality that happened on the Lower Road. See <http://www.molevalley.gov.uk/CausewayDocList/DocServlet?ref=MO/2014/1593&docid=533665> **JD**, with her local knowledge, to comment on relevant planning applications in the area. **RB** to contact Clare Curran about setting up a meeting to discuss the cycling issues, particularly if the school is to be expanded.

Dorking area:

Dorking Southbound

Cllr Salmon had reported via email “a tiny patch worked on between Beare Green and South Holmwood, but they failed to clear back the shredded conifer that was piling onto the footpath or clear it back to the base width... so total waste of time! I am told that the rest of the path is subject of a bid to clear it back and top it faster...”

RB/RT will endeavour to make further enquiries regarding progress.

Dorking centre – Brockham link

No further news at present, although RT has written to Peter Schimadry regarding the issues at the Tesco's entrance.

Holmwood Circular Trail

Now complete – remove from the agenda.

5. Other Matters

Cycle Path Signage Audit

Action Ongoing: RT & RB (for Dorking). RT reported that his report was very nearly complete.

MVCF Website

CB confirmed that there is now a link from the MVDC website to the MVCF website.

6. AOB

CB asked if anything could be done about the tight turn off Thorncroft Drive onto the track towards the Leatherhead Leisure Centre. RS suggested taking photographs to illustrate the issues and to pass the details to him.

EP raised issues about the track between Leatherhead and Gibbons Grove. RT noted that the situation could be improved by cutting back excessive and overhanging vegetation. RS suggested that the track may be the responsibility of the Countryside Access department. **RT** will contact Hannah Gutteridge.

EP reported long standing road surface issues near Tyrell's Wood – it was recommended that report these via the Surrey County Council website. **RB** to send EP the link so that he can formally report this.

JD reported a possible sinkhole in Lower Road near the recreation ground. Since the meeting this has been fixed.

JD noted out that a debrief of the Ride London event had taken place at the MVDC Scrutiny Committee – the webcast can be viewed at http://www.molevalley.public-tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/135400

AB pointed out that there was very little signage alerting motorists to the new Leatherhead-Ashted cycle path.

SH raised the issue with cars parked all over Dorking High Street on a Sunday when there are also many cyclists passing through. It is believed that there are plans in hand to implement increased parking restrictions which should address this.

7. Next Meetings

The next formal meeting is on **Thurs 8th January at 7.00pm** in the Council Chamber, MVDC Offices, Pippbrook, Dorking.

There will **not** be an informal meeting in December.